

s8.10 - Termite Inspection Industry Concerns (and Suggestions)

The Termite Inspection Industry is likely simpler to address than the Home Inspection industry given there is already a standardized reporting system, albeit archaic and difficult to follow without a little education and when incomplete reports are marked as complete.

Suggestion - Buyer and Agent Certification on Termite Inspection Education

This is similar to the Home Inspection Report Education process suggested in another document.

1. **Videos** - All Buyers MUST pay for and watch some type of detailed video (series) which conveys the job of a termite inspector, the expectations of a termite inspector and the possible conflicts a termite inspector faces when doing his job.
2. **In person follow up** - There may also be a required in person / zoom followup session on a class or individual level for clarification of questions
3. **Prerequisite** - This has to be done PRIOR TO engaging with any Termite Inspector and in fact it should be a requirement for all buyers BEFORE they can even actively engage with any Agent for showings
4. **Requirement for Agents** - All Agents should be required to take the course and get certified too.
5. **Refresher Courses** - Certification may be good for 5 or 10 yrs and refreshers may be required for Buyers (like a scuba certification)

Suggestion - Federal or State Level Form Standardization

- The current report format is archaic. It may in fact be fine as long as there is education that is required to precede reading it. Don't bloat the report format.

Suggestion - Major and Significant Penalties for Report Manipulation

With Buyer pre-education and standardized reporting a lot of stuff falls away. Those found omitting details on audits or as a result of alternative reports with enough standard format discrepancies need to be subject to public scrutiny, huge penalties, and/or public decided jail time.